

Del Norte County Economic Forecast

Del Norte County is located in the northwest corner of California. The county borders the state of Oregon to the north, Siskiyou County to the east, Humboldt County to the south, and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Del Norte County has a population of 28,900 people and 7,940 wage and salary jobs. The per capita income in Del Norte County is \$19,250, and the average salary per worker is \$32,640. In 2005 the median household income in Del Norte County was estimated at \$43,000.

In 2004, 213 total wage and salary jobs were created in Del Norte County, a gain of 2.8 percent. Non-farm employment, which accounts for over 95 percent of total employment, added 228 jobs. The unemployment rate declined to 8.3 percent in 2004.

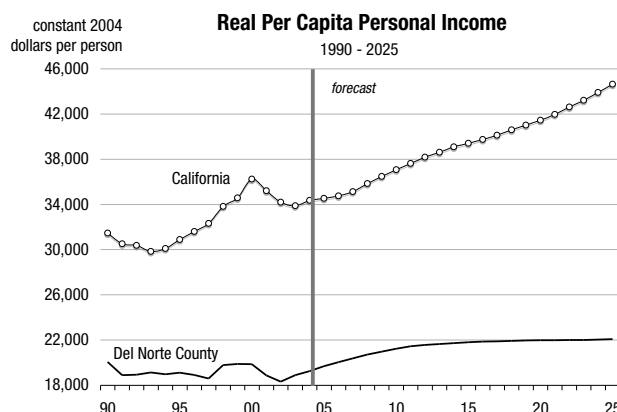
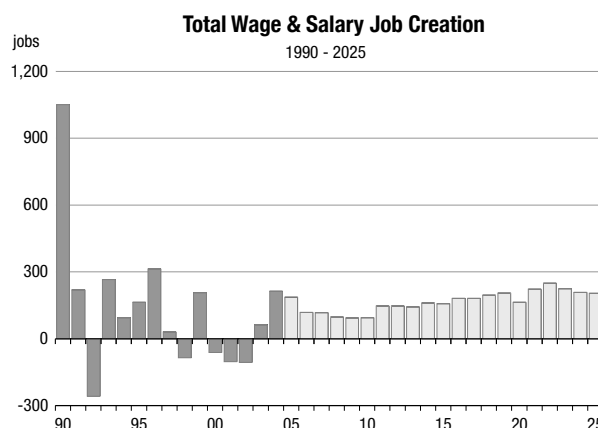
The principal sectors that are producing jobs in Del Norte County are leisure services, retail trade, and government. Each of these sectors created 60 or more jobs last year. The government sector created most of the new employment last year, adding 112 jobs. The public sector is the largest jobs sector in the county, contributing 43 percent of total employment. Pelican Bay State Penitentiary, located in Crescent City, is one of the largest employers in the county. The penitentiary employs 1,500 people, and houses over 3,300 inmates. The other largest employment sectors in the county are leisure services, education and health-care services, and trade, transportation, and utilities.

The population grew in Del Norte County at a rate of 2.7 percent in 2004. The only incorporated city in the county is Crescent City, which grew 1.0 percent between January 2004 and January 2005. Net migration was positive last year, with an estimated 690 migrants entering the county.

Employment growth is expected to remain positive over the next several years, but decline from its current levels. Population growth will also be positive, but the growth rate is expected to moderate over the next several years.

Forecast Highlights

- Non-farm job growth is forecast at 2.6 percent in 2005. Job growth is expected to slow over the next five years, averaging 1.3 percent per year over that time period.
- Average salaries adjusted for inflation are currently below the California state average, and will remain so over the forecast period. Inflation adjusted salaries are expected to rise an average of 0.9 percent per year over the next 5 years.
- Between 2005 and 2010, the momentum for employment growth is in construction, retail trade, leisure services, and federal government. These sectors account for over 88 percent of all jobs created in the county over the next five years.

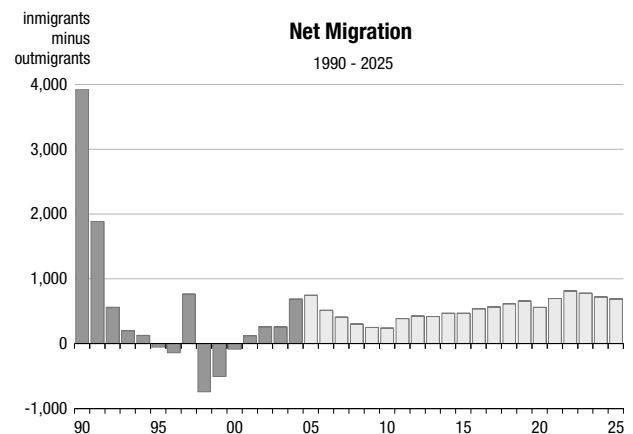
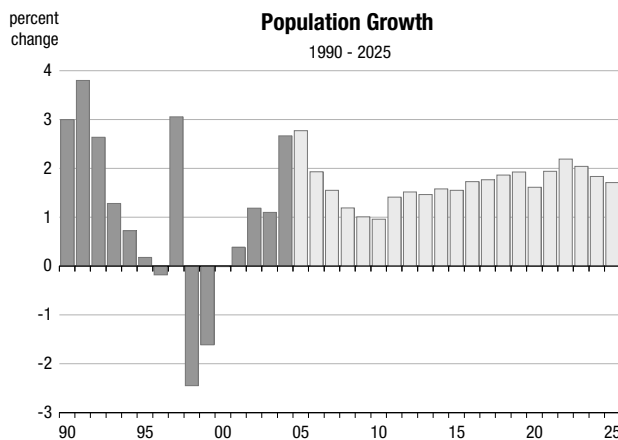


- The population in the county will continue to grow, but at a slower rate than the state average. Annual growth in the 2005 to 2010 period averages 1.3 percent per year. Average growth in the state during this same period is 1.5 percent per year.
- Net migration will rise to 745 people in 2005. Over the next five years net migration is expected to average approximately 350 net migrants per year.
- Real per capita income is forecast to increase 2.2 percent in 2005. Over the next five years real per capita incomes are expected to increase an average of 1.5 percent per year.
- Industrial production is forecast to increase sharply in 2005 due to an expected increase in manufacturing employment. Over the next five years the growth rate of industrial production will average 5.8 percent per year. Total crop production, adjusted for inflation, is expected to increase an average of 0.8 percent per year between 2005 and 2010.

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1995-2004 History, 2005-2025 Forecast

	Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (thousands)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Total Taxable Sales (millions)	Personal Income (billions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)	Inflation Rate (% change in CPI)	Real Farm Crop Value (millions)	Real Industrial Production (millions)	Unemploy- ment Rate (percent)
1995	27,850	-50	22.7	8.9	97	\$141.9	\$0.41	\$19,104	2.0	25.6	26.7	12.3
1996	27,800	-138	23.3	9.0	51	\$145.3	\$0.41	\$18,903	2.3	33.4	30.1	10.5
1997	28,650	763	21.9	9.2	45	\$147.9	\$0.43	\$18,585	3.4	33.6	32.8	10.2
1998	27,950	-742	22.4	9.3	50	\$145.7	\$0.46	\$19,774	3.2	36.3	26.9	10.3
1999	27,500	-505	22.6	9.4	35	\$158.4	\$0.47	\$19,878	4.2	35.8	27.2	8.1
2000	27,497	-84	23.5	9.2	44	\$176.0	\$0.50	\$19,871	4.5	33.4	31.6	7.6
2001	27,603	125	24.7	9.2	56	\$181.1	\$0.50	\$18,870	5.4	34.6	26.7	8.2
2002	27,931	262	24.9	9.3	79	\$190.3	\$0.50	\$18,325	1.6	30.3	16.2	9.0
2003	28,238	258	25.3	9.3	127	\$191.3	\$0.53	\$18,883	1.8	34.6	13.7	8.8
2004	28,991	688	27.2	9.4	196	\$200.9	\$0.56	\$19,250	1.2	40.0	15.1	8.3
2005	29,794	745	28.8	9.6	216	\$213.2	\$0.60	\$19,675	1.7	40.6	18.4	8.0
2006	30,370	516	30.0	9.8	202	\$225.7	\$0.64	\$20,036	2.7	40.7	20.5	7.8
2007	30,841	410	30.9	10.0	198	\$237.5	\$0.68	\$20,386	2.6	41.3	21.2	7.8
2008	31,208	305	31.7	10.1	185	\$248.4	\$0.71	\$20,723	2.6	41.0	21.4	7.7
2009	31,523	252	32.3	10.3	172	\$258.5	\$0.75	\$20,971	2.5	41.8	23.1	7.7
2010	31,827	240	32.7	10.5	165	\$269.0	\$0.79	\$21,233	2.7	42.2	24.4	7.7
2011	32,277	387	33.2	10.6	184	\$279.8	\$0.83	\$21,441	2.7	42.1	28.0	7.7
2012	32,767	427	33.6	10.8	197	\$291.0	\$0.87	\$21,561	2.8	42.4	29.5	7.6
2013	33,247	419	33.9	10.9	189	\$302.5	\$0.91	\$21,647	2.9	42.8	30.4	7.5
2014	33,774	467	34.3	11.1	199	\$314.2	\$0.95	\$21,728	2.9	42.9	30.0	7.3
2015	34,298	469	34.7	11.3	186	\$326.7	\$1.00	\$21,798	3.1	43.2	28.8	7.3
2016	34,891	540	35.0	11.5	181	\$339.5	\$1.05	\$21,861	3.0	43.5	31.6	7.2
2017	35,508	569	35.4	11.6	196	\$352.3	\$1.10	\$21,880	2.9	43.2	32.6	7.3
2018	36,170	617	35.8	11.8	189	\$365.2	\$1.16	\$21,926	2.7	43.5	34.4	7.3
2019	36,868	658	36.2	12.0	185	\$378.8	\$1.21	\$21,955	2.8	43.8	35.4	7.3
2020	37,464	561	36.6	12.1	190	\$392.2	\$1.27	\$21,980	2.7	43.9	33.0	7.3
2021	38,191	698	37.0	12.3	196	\$405.9	\$1.33	\$21,986	2.6	43.6	36.0	7.3
2022	39,027	813	37.5	12.5	200	\$420.4	\$1.39	\$22,001	2.6	44.0	41.9	7.2
2023	39,823	780	37.9	12.6	199	\$435.9	\$1.46	\$22,012	2.7	43.8	47.0	7.2
2024	40,554	721	38.4	12.8	192	\$451.7	\$1.53	\$22,036	2.7	44.3	51.3	7.2
2025	41,248	692	38.8	13.0	194	\$467.7	\$1.60	\$22,073	2.7	44.4	55.6	7.2

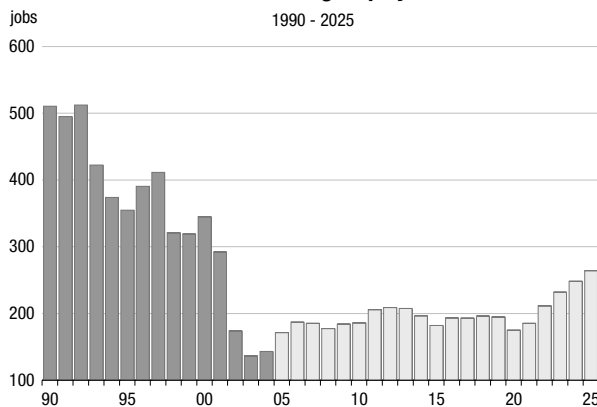


Del Norte County Employment Forecast

1995-2004 History, 2005-2025 Forecast

	Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Mining & Construction	Manufac- turing	Transportation, Trade & Utilities	Financial Activities	Professional Services	Information	Health & Education	Leisure	Government
-----employment (thousands of jobs)-----											
1995	7.5	0.48	0.31	0.36	1.29	0.16	0.18	0.11	0.85	0.86	2.81
1996	7.8	0.49	0.26	0.39	1.30	0.17	0.17	0.11	0.91	0.94	2.99
1997	7.8	0.46	0.26	0.41	1.24	0.17	0.16	0.11	1.01	0.91	3.03
1998	7.7	0.44	0.27	0.32	1.22	0.17	0.17	0.09	0.97	0.96	3.06
1999	7.9	0.45	0.26	0.32	1.20	0.16	0.18	0.10	1.06	1.01	3.14
2000	7.9	0.45	0.24	0.35	1.14	0.14	0.19	0.09	1.03	0.87	3.33
2001	7.8	0.41	0.23	0.29	1.13	0.15	0.19	0.10	0.95	0.82	3.41
2002	7.7	0.40	0.21	0.17	1.10	0.17	0.17	0.13	0.99	0.82	3.42
2003	7.7	0.38	0.26	0.14	1.12	0.19	0.15	0.12	0.98	0.82	3.49
2004	7.9	0.37	0.24	0.14	1.19	0.20	0.16	0.10	0.98	0.88	3.60
2005	8.1	0.36	0.25	0.17	1.22	0.20	0.16	0.10	1.00	0.92	3.66
2006	8.2	0.36	0.27	0.19	1.25	0.20	0.16	0.11	0.99	0.95	3.70
2007	8.4	0.35	0.29	0.19	1.26	0.20	0.16	0.11	1.01	0.99	3.72
2008	8.5	0.35	0.31	0.18	1.28	0.20	0.16	0.11	1.02	1.02	3.75
2009	8.6	0.35	0.32	0.18	1.29	0.20	0.16	0.11	1.02	1.05	3.77
2010	8.7	0.35	0.34	0.19	1.30	0.20	0.16	0.11	1.04	1.08	3.79
2011	8.8	0.35	0.35	0.21	1.31	0.20	0.16	0.11	1.07	1.11	3.84
2012	8.9	0.35	0.37	0.21	1.32	0.20	0.16	0.11	1.10	1.13	3.89
2013	9.1	0.35	0.38	0.21	1.33	0.20	0.16	0.11	1.14	1.14	3.96
2014	9.3	0.35	0.39	0.20	1.34	0.21	0.16	0.11	1.20	1.16	4.04
2015	9.4	0.35	0.39	0.18	1.34	0.21	0.16	0.11	1.26	1.17	4.12
2016	9.6	0.35	0.39	0.19	1.35	0.21	0.16	0.11	1.32	1.18	4.21
2017	9.8	0.35	0.40	0.19	1.36	0.21	0.16	0.11	1.38	1.19	4.30
2018	10.0	0.35	0.40	0.20	1.37	0.21	0.16	0.11	1.45	1.20	4.39
2019	10.2	0.35	0.40	0.19	1.38	0.21	0.16	0.11	1.54	1.21	4.49
2020	10.3	0.35	0.40	0.18	1.38	0.21	0.16	0.11	1.61	1.22	4.59
2021	10.6	0.35	0.41	0.19	1.39	0.22	0.17	0.11	1.69	1.22	4.70
2022	10.8	0.35	0.41	0.21	1.40	0.22	0.17	0.11	1.79	1.23	4.81
2023	11.0	0.35	0.41	0.23	1.41	0.22	0.17	0.11	1.87	1.23	4.91
2024	11.2	0.35	0.41	0.25	1.42	0.22	0.17	0.11	1.94	1.23	5.02
2025	11.4	0.35	0.41	0.26	1.42	0.22	0.17	0.11	2.02	1.24	5.11

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Employment in Professional Services

